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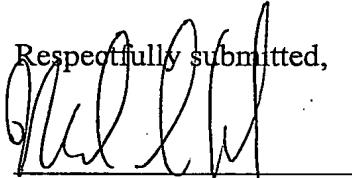
of the above-mentioned U.S. Patents. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 26-59.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the Specification, on page 1 line 5, the following cross-reference was added:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,472, filed March 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,413,533; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/660,184, filed September 12, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,413,534; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/660,191, filed September 12, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,410,043; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/660,197, filed September 12, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,413,535; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/436,208, filed November 8, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/306,958, filed on May 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,265,448, which claims priority of Provisional Application No. 60/084,602, filed May 7, 1998, which are hereby incorporated by reference.

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